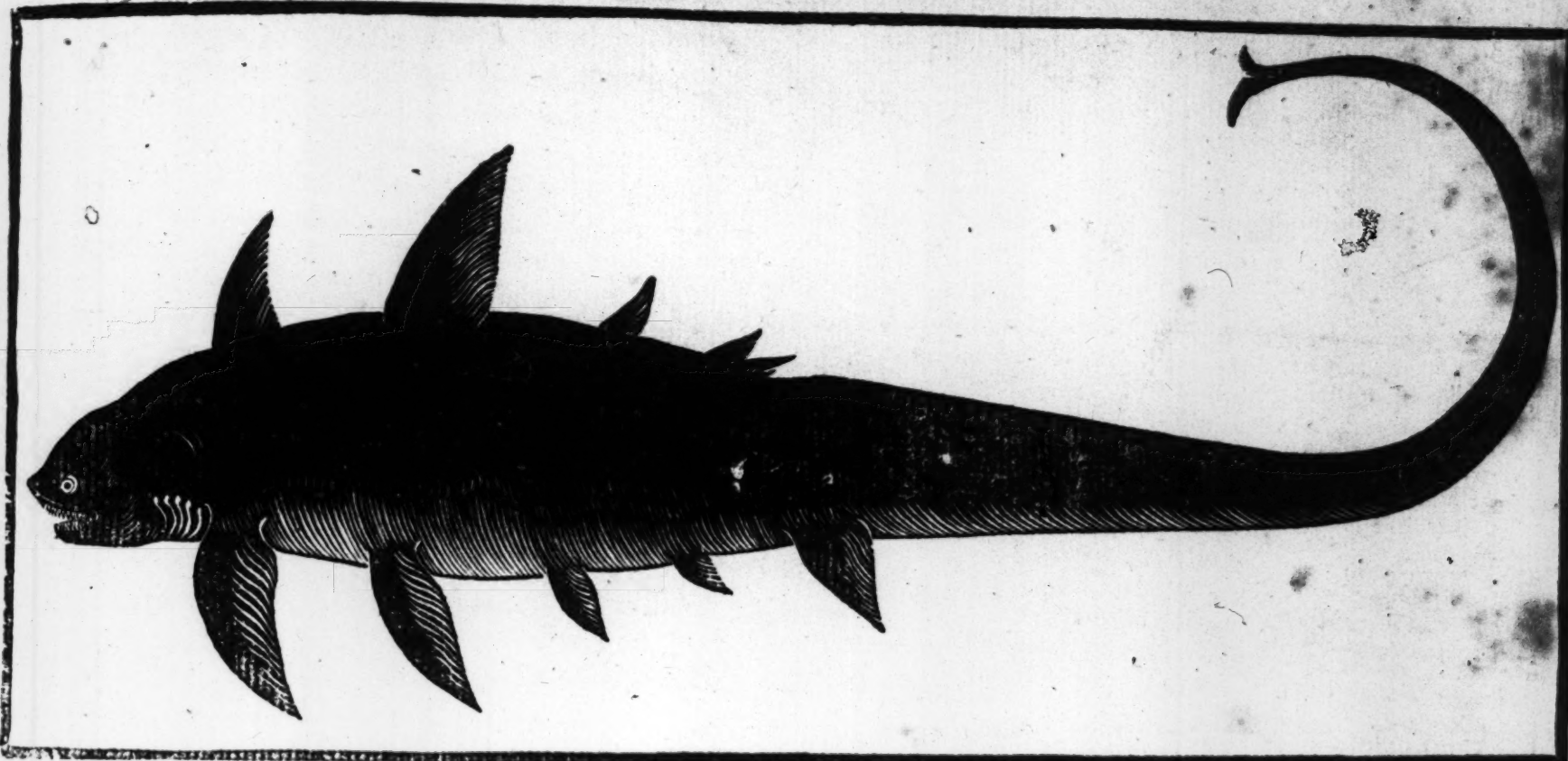


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The true Description of this marueilous straunge
Fishe, whiche was taken on thursday wasennight, the .xvi. day of June, this
present month, in the peare of our Lord God. M.D.LX.



A declaration of the taking of this straunge Fishe, with the length & bredth, &c.



Doing you to vnderstande, that on thursday the .xvi. day of this present month of June, in y^e peare of our Lord God. M.D.LX. This straunge fishe (whych you see here pictured) was taken betweene Callis, and Dover, by sertayne English Fishermen, whych were a feshynge for mackrell. And this straunge & merueylous Fishe, folowynge after the scooles of Mackrell, came rushinge in to the fisher mens Netts, and brake and toze their nettes marueiloudie, in such sorte, that at the first they weare muche amased ther at: and marueiled what it should bee, that kept suche a sturr with their Netts, for they were verie much harmed by it, with bryking and spoyling their Netts. And then they seing, and perceiuyng that the Netts wold not serue by reason of the greatnes of this straung Fishe, then they with such instruements, ingins, & thinges that they had: made such shift that they tooke this straung Fishe. And vppen fridaye the morowe after brought it vpp to Bilynges gate in London, whych was the .xvii. daye of June, and ther it was scene and bewid of manie which marueiled much at the straungnes of it. For here hath neuer the lyke of it ben scene: and on saterdaye, being the .xviii. daye, sertayne fishe mongers in new Fishstreat, agreeid with them that caught it, for, and in consideration of the harme, whych they receiued by spoylinge of ther Netts, and for their paines, to haue this straunge fishe. And hauinge it, did open it and flaid of the skinn, and saued it hole. And adiudging the meat of it to be good, broyled a peece and tasted of hit, and it looked whit like Meale when it was broyled, and was good & sauerie, (though sumwhat straung) in the eating, and then they sold

of it that same saterdaye, to suche as wold buy of the same, and they them selues did bake of it, and eate it for daintie: and for the more sertaintie and opening of the truth, the good men of the Castle and the Kinges head in new Fishstreat, did buy a great deale & bake of it, and this is mosse true.



This straunge Fishe is in length .xvii. foote, and .iii. foote broad, and in compas about the bodie .vi. foote. and proportioned as you see here by this picture, and is round snouted, short head as you see, hauing .iii. ranches of teeth on eyther iawe, maruaylous sharpe and very short .ii. eyes growing neare his snout, & as big as a horses eyes, and his hart as big as an Dres hart, & likewise his liuer and lightes bige as an Dres, but all the garbidge y^e was in his bellie besides, would haue gone in to a felt hat. Also .ix. finns, & .ii. of the foremost bee .iii. quarters of a yeard longe from the body: & a verie big one on the fore parte of his backe, as you see by this picture, blackish on the backe & a litle whitish on the belly, a slender tayle, and had but one bone & that was a great rydge bone runninge a longe his backe, from the head vnto the tayle, and had great force in his tayle when he was in the water. Also it hath .v. gills of eache side of the head, shoyng white as you see. Ther is no proper name for it that I knowe but that sertayne men of Captayne Haukines, both call it a Sharke. And it is to bee scene in London, at the red Lyon, in Fleetstreete.

Fininis. M.D.

C. H.

Imprynted at London,
in Fleetstreate, beneath the conduit, at
the signe of Saint John E-
uangelist, by Thomas
Colwell.